

MOU expected to settle water for middle school issue

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MADISON VILLAGE - The dispute concerning whether the village or county would provide water to the new Madison Middle School is settled, at least on the part of the village.

Councilman John Hamercheck asked council to approve a memorandum of understanding with Lake County Department of Utilities, regarding the provision of water to the new Madison Middle School.

"It's a three-party agreement, as council knows, between the county, the school board and the village," said Alyson Moritz, village administrator, at the April 2 meeting. "The gist of it is, we will allow the school to tap into our water distribution

system; they would be using our water lines; however they would be a water customer of the county and the county would be in charge of billing them."

She said the MOU provides a good solution to the issue for all three entities. The schools will not have to pay for an extended waterline and the county provides the water as it asserted it should.

Council gave its approval. The county and school district still needed to approve the MOU.

In other business:

- Hamercheck reported the Utilities Committee was considering the merits of joining the Lake County Stormwater Management Department.

- Council passed an ordinance authorizing a contract

with Glatfelter Public Practice Insurance Company and declaring an emergency following the third reading.

- First reading was held on an ordinance establishing noncompetitive bid procedures for the sale of real property not needed for any public purpose when valued at \$5,000 or less.

- Council approved two purchase orders with CIR Inc. for \$4,900 for the replacement of a fire hydrant on Route 528 just north of Route 307 and for \$9,200 for installation of three water valves near the same location.

This is part of an ongoing program of hydrant replacement if needed.

The water valves will help the village isolate sections of the system during water main breaks without

cutting service to all residents south of Route 90.

- Clean and Green Day in the village will be April 21 from 8 a.m. to noon downtown with a rain date of April 28.

- There will be a stick pickup May 14. They must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter or longer than six feet.

- Leaves in bags are still being picked up until April 26.

- Finance officer Tony Long said revenue has "held up well" for the first quarter.

The next regular meeting of council will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 16.

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